

## News Release

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## COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FUNDING FOR SHELTERING SERVICES

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today approved a memorandum of understanding to provide funding to three non-profit agencies from the county's Housing Initiative fund for sheltering services. The Frederick County Community Action Agency, Religious Coalition for Human Needs and Advocates for Homeless Families will receive \$75,000, \$40,000 and \$20,000 respectively.

Due to the gradual reduction and elimination of funding on June 30, 2104, for the Community Services Initiative program (formerly the Grants for Human Services program), the board decided to provide a source of funding for community—based sheltering services.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "We are pleased to provide a creative source of funding through the county's Housing and Community Development Housing Initiative Fund in order to support these agencies who meet the needs of the lower-income residents in our county. This board is pleased to provide a wide range of health and human services to all residents in Frederick County while at the same time showing compassion to our taxpayers through our careful oversight of county funds."

The Housing Initiative fund helps create and preserve affordable housing in Frederick County and the new use of a portion of the program's funding will provide a wider continuum of housing options for residents.

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